



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, more than 55,000 Alabamians suffer from epilepsy. Approximately one in 10 people will have at least one unprovoked seizure at some point during their lifetime, and one in 26 will develop full blown epilepsy; and*

*WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than three million individuals worldwide have been diagnosed with epilepsy, and there is currently no cure; and*

*WHEREAS, epilepsy is the fourth most common neurological disease and impacts our most vulnerable populations, that of children and seniors; and*

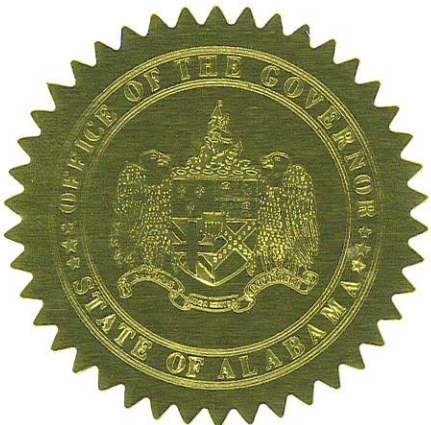
*WHEREAS, lavender is the international color for epilepsy and is also a color that symbolizes solitude. The goal of Epilepsy Awareness Month is to increase awareness to the general public, to reduce the social stigma endured by many individuals with epilepsy and to empower individuals living with epilepsy to take action in their communities; and*

*WHEREAS, November is recognized nationally as Epilepsy Awareness Month;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 2023, as*

# Epilepsy Awareness Month

*in the state of Alabama.*



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.*

*Kay Ivey*

*Kay Ivey, Governor*